

House Resolution No. 2147

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions that admirably provide students with excellent opportunities to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, the School Board of the Eldon R-I School District of Miller County oversees the policies and programs of an MSIP accredited district that educates more than 2,000 students through the expertise of one hundred sixty-five certificated staff in two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school; and

Whereas, the Eldon R-I School Board recently enhanced its already impressive record of achievement when it was selected as one of only eighteen winners in the 2007 American School Board Journal Magna Awards program; and

Whereas, one of only five winners in the under-5,000 student enrollment category in the 13th annual nationwide event, the Eldon R-I School Board earned its special recognition because of the Partners Actively Volunteering in Education program; and

Whereas, PAVE is a district-wide parent-community participation program that gives students in poverty-stricken homes the extra support they need to succeed in school; and

Whereas, the Eldon R-I School Board began PAVE with a \$3,000 local grant and seventy volunteers and then continued the program with a \$126,000 award to create the PAVE/AmeriCorps Tutoring Program in which AmeriCorps members work with teachers and PAVE volunteers to provide reading and math tutoring to at-risk students from kindergarten through twelfth grade; and

Whereas, today's PAVE program receives financing from various sources, including school and community groups; and

Whereas, the Eldon R-I School Board consists of president Greg Jarrett, vice president Mike Hees, and members John Caine, Jay Dunham, Darin King, Walter Simpson, and Dan Greeson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of the Eldon R-I School Board for a Magna Award from the American School Board Journal and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Eldon R-I School Board, as an expression of our esteem for its members and their educational leadership.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney Schad
District No. 115

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2147, adopted April 17, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker